

The History  
Of  
Santee Lodge #116  
  
Order of the Arrow



77 Years of Service  
(1938 – 2015)

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## **Council Formation**

Pee Dee Area Council was founded in 1928 as the five hundred fifty second council within the Boy Scouts of America. The Pee Dee Area Council covers from Chesterfield county, Clarendon county, and Horry County. Anything within this triangle shape is under them. The Council headquarters is located at 702 S. Coit Street in Florence, South Carolina.

## **Camp Formation**

According to the 1941 Camp Coker bulletin, the question of how the site for Camp Coker was chosen is answered by a story about a good pot of fish stew. The bulletin recounts that a group of men from Darlington were out looking for a site to be used by the Boy Scouts for camping. The men traveled to a grist mill dam on Spot Mill Creek near Society Hill. They had come for a fish stew but later decided that the land looked ideal for the camp site they had been searching for. The grist mill building was still there in 1943 but was torn down sometime after that.

The original camp was built on 80 acres (320,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and called Camp Pee Dee after the name of the council. "Pee Dee" is the name of an Indian tribe from the area as well as a regional name for this part of the state. The Great Pee Dee River flows just miles from the camp. The Little Pee Dee River also flows through the council's geographic area.

The camp was located on the site of an old plantation. Spot Mill Creek runs through the heart of this site. In the 19th century a dam was built, probably by slaves, to form a pond for a grist mill. Turpentine was also extracted from some of the tall pine trees on the land.

In the original camp there were several buildings. The boys stayed in one of six screened-in cabins, each housing eight campers with four sets of bunk beds. The cabins were given names after famous Native American tribes such as the Apache, Sioux, Iroquois, Cherokee, Navajo and Seminole. In addition, there was one cabin for the cooks. The camp director, W. E. Czarnitzki, also had a cabin near the entrance to camp that served as an office. The cabins were screened in with canvas that could be dropped down in case of rain. They also had a front porch that extended out a couple of feet.

The other original buildings at Camp Pee Dee were the dining hall and the handicraft lodge. The dining hall was built by men from Darlington in 1929. It was erected on a hill overlooking the cabins. It was a wooden building on stilts over uneven ground. Water came up to the dining hall from an electric pump located near the road. This dining hall was used through the 1951 camping season. It was torn down to make way for the new dining hall. The new dining hall opened for the 1952 camping season and was constructed on a concrete slab after the top of the hill had been graded to an even surface.

The Handicraft Lodge was located just below the cabins on a hill. Many projects were completed in the Handicraft Lodge. Among those that the boys worked on were leather vests, along with sets of bows and arrows. The Handicraft Lodge and the Ecology hut are the only 1929 buildings that are still there.

Camp Pee Dee opened officially on July 1, 1929. Boys from Darlington, Sumter, and Bennettsville were the first to use the camp with a total of about 40 boys in camp. The flag pole was located on a hill

above the dining hall and the cabins. The boys assembled outside their cabins for flag ceremonies. The swimming area was located right off of the dam. A pier was constructed for use and a platform was built in the water for diving.

The camp newspaper, called the Pine Needles, reports a lot of the activities that were going on in camp. Morning inspections were conducted by Sgt. Murrel Rose of Fort Jackson with the Cherokee Cabin and the boys from Sumter being five-time winners. The paper reports there were no cases of homesickness, although staff members Marion Yates and Dana Crosland were cited for love sickness. The best fisherman of the season was C. C. Griffen of Troop 14 in Bennettsville. He was responsible for landing three big jackfish in one day and causing a big stir in camp during the second week. A whole host of weekly individual awards were given out including biggest grouch, biggest eater, sloppiest Scout, funniest Scout, and the biggest "sheik" to name a few.

Camp Pee Dee becomes Camp Coker. The name of the council camp was changed from Camp Pee Dee to Camp Coker before the summer of 1932 in memory of Charles Westfield Coker, of Hartsville, South Carolina. He was President of the Southern Novelty Company (now Sonoco Products Company) from 1918 until his death in the fall of 1931. The lake in the center of camp is named Lake Westwood in honor of Charles Westfield Coker and Joseph Norwood. Joseph Norwood was a developer who took the 2,000-acre (8.1 km<sup>2</sup>) Cox Plantation and subdivided it into lots in the year 1915. One of those lots of 80 acres (320,000 m<sup>2</sup>) was the original land for the camp.

Improvements to the camp followed at a steady rate. A map made in 1940 shows that among the new additions were a first aid lodge, the long house, a campfire ring, and a bridge to the island in the lake. The camp latrines were given affectionate names. Wilbert Bernshouse recalls that in 1943 they were called Egypt, because "that's where the pyramids are". In 1944 he recalls them being called linen closets because everyone took their sheets there.

Camp Coker has gone through a number of different stages of growth from the original buildings in the summer of 1929 to what the camp looks like today. Many activities that boys at Camp Pee Dee enjoyed like swimming, archery, and handicrafts are still the foundation for the modern Camp Coker program. Although the activities are similar, the buildings have changed. By using old photographs and maps it is possible to construct a sort of historical tour of Camp Coker.

There have been several waves of construction at Camp Coker. There are also three corresponding types of architecture that can be seen at camp. These waves were the original construction, development in the early 1950s and development between 1962-1963. There are some buildings at camp today which do not fall into these waves. Among these buildings are the old winter cabin (built in 1941 and later called the camp office), the shooting sports buildings, and the Shaw Training Center.

Bill Stallworth (1919–2005) became the Pee D/ee Area Council Scout Executive on January 1, 1952. He had previously served the council as a Field Scout Executive (now called District Executive). He initiated the construction of several buildings at camp. The style of architecture used was basically concrete block. The current dining hall (1952) was one of these buildings. It was constructed of concrete block and had a porch on the end. A storage building now called the warehouse was built behind the dining hall. Directly beside it was a shower building which was the only one in camp. This structure now serves as a paint shed.

A string of buildings was built along the road adjacent to the winter cabin. Among these additions was a trading post (1954), health lodge (1952) and the director's cabin. A new dock was built at the waterfront along with a bridge leading to the swimming area from the central part of camp. Many troop camp sites were improved. A caretaker's house was built prior to camp in 1951. This caretaker's house was later moved up the hill and across the road and the present ranger's house was built c. 1962-63. William Lucas Shoemake (1916–1992) became the first full time ranger in November, 1962 and served through the summer of 1981. Mr. Shoemake was a fine Christian man who was greatly admired by the Camp Coker Staff. He was the only person to ever be granted a lifetime membership in Santee Lodge 116.

The camp was changed significantly in the 1950s when a sand causeway was built across the lake. A small bridge linked the causeway to the shore on the main side of camp. This bridge was replaced by a bigger, nicer bridge in the 1962-63 renovations that was high enough for rowboats and canoes to pass underneath. The bridge and causeway made the other side of the lake more accessible and it was no longer necessary to walk all the way around the lake to get to the other side. The wooden 1962-63 bridge was replaced by a bridge with steel supports and rails in 1993.

The swimming area at camp during the 1950s featured a "T Dock" and had the canoes docked at the swimming area. A diving platform was also located a little further out from the dock. The current dock has been in the shape of an "F" since the 1970s. There is also a floating dock further out in deeper water. Swimming at Camp Coker is done in Lake Westwood. There has never been a swimming pool at Camp Coker. Camp Coker used to have a marathon in which troops competed in a foot race, archery, rifle, obstacle course, rowing, canoeing, and swimming. The marathon began at the spillway and ended in the nearby swimming area so a spectator in that vicinity could see the beginning and the end of the marathon. Another program feature for adult leaders in camp was the greased watermelon where adults tried to put a greased watermelon into a canoe in the nonswimmers area. The sight of adults trying to hold on to a slippery greased watermelon provided many laughs. Another program feature for boys was the war canoes in which boys went in the lake in two canoes with fire buckets but no paddles. The object was to swamp the other canoe by bailing water into it.

Camp redevelopment in the '60s. The 1962-63 construction helped organize another big capital funds campaign for the camp in the early 1960s. Pee Dee companies and private donors were called upon to pledge money and adopt a campsite or building to improve camp. All this was possible because attendance at camp was up with all of the baby boomers reaching Scout age. Overall membership in Scouting was up and Stallworth was able to harness this growth and use it to really create the modern Camp Coker.

Construction at camp took place during the winter of 1962-1963. Everything from the parking lot to the island got changed during this period. A front lawn was created with flag poles and a stone sign built to make the entrance into camp impressive. The parking lot was moved to above the lawn. A welcome shelter with men's and women's toilet facilities was built on the lawn. It was named Stallworth Lodge in honor of Mr. Stallworth who was the driving force behind the campaign.

The style of architecture used for the new buildings was board and batten. A new changing house was built near the swimming area. The swimming area had a lookout tower that was similar to ones used in other camps. A new boat house with concrete boat docks for both sail boats and row boats was constructed between the camp office and the director's cabin. The dining hall also got a new side

porch. A buttress for the dining hall was built in 1977-78 and an extension to the buttress was added in 1987-88. Central shower facilities were built on each side of the lake in the 1960s.

The other major phase of the construction was the development of the modern campsites. The Belk Foundation, of Belk department store fame, financed a new camp site on the island and the name of the island was changed to Belk Island. The island had previously been known to some campers as "Boney Finger Island" which came from a ghost story about a fictional character named Herman Van Glotch.

Many of the new campsites were on the west side of the lake. The new Burlington campsite (dedicated in 1981) was named after Burlington industries which had a big plant (now called Swift Galey) in Society Hill. Cayce campsite was supported by the Cayce family of Florence in honor of Frank Cayce who died in a parachute accident while at The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina. Prior to this the site was just called lake side. Cayce campsite had an unusual pine tree called the "witch's tree" from another ghost story. The branches of the tree went out and up and it was very unusual. It was cut down prior to the summer of 1978. John Holliday of Galivants Ferry was a long time council supporter and Holliday campsite was named after him. Campsite inspections were conducted by the two camp staff commissioners. There were two commissioners, one on each side of the lake. Each commissioner inspected the campsites on his side of the lake. Some troops were more diligent than others in keeping a clean campsite.

This was the last major renovation of Camp Coker. Almost all of the things built by Stallworth and the supporters of the campaign in the early 1960s remain. Some buildings have been added in the thirty plus years following the camp redevelopment plan. Most of them were donated by families in honor of someone.

The shooting sports program area of camp has been developed since the early 1970s. The Hackett Rifle Range was built in 1974 in honor of Harley B. Hackett of Florence who was a former Santee Lodge member. He was shot down while flying a mission in Southeastern Asia in 1968. The Doug Sprague archery building was built in 1986 after he was killed in a robbery at Columbia Mall in Columbia, SC. Doug had been a Camp Coker staff member for five years in his youth. His father Bill Sprague (1918–2004), was Chairman of the Council Camping Committee in 1986. Mr. Sprague had also served the Pee Dee Area Council as a Scoutmaster, OA lodge adviser, and council president. The Shaw Training Center was built in honor of Charlie Shaw in 1988. This modern building has several bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a kitchen and a large meeting room. Often this is used as the site of district committee meetings and other functions. Camp staff members have nicknamed the building the "Camp Coker Hilton".

The Copenhaver family of Hartsville donated money for a new campsite and renovation of the camp chapel in 1983. Copenhaver campsite and chapel were named in memory of Dr. James E. Copenhaver (1896–1982). He was the director of chemical research at Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville. He had previously been a chemistry professor at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Copenhaver was a longtime supporter of the Pee Dee Area Council. He was a former council president and was the second Pee Dee Area Council Scouter to receive the Silver Antelope award. Copenhaver chapel and campsite is located near the causeway just down from the rifle range. It also included a new screen shelter.

In 1990 Henry B. Moree of Society Hill donated money for a campsite in his name which was built above Holliday campsite. In 1987 Moree purchased most of the property across the paved road from camp and constructed a hunting preserve and motocross racetrack on the land. The motocross track still holds races on occasion much to the aggravation of peace and quiet lovers at camp.

Camp Coker has seen additional improvements in recent years. Santee Lodge was responsible for a new toilet house located between the Dining Hall and Council Ring. This facility was badly needed because at the time there were no good restroom facilities near the dining hall. The only toilet in the dining hall was reserved for the cooks and it got aggravated when flushed too many times. The lodge received a matching grant from the National Order of the Arrow to assist in its construction. A new sewage system was installed for the entire camp when the new restrooms were built. A new shower building was also added on each side of the lake replacing the central showers from the 1960s. A new campsite for the staff with toilets, sinks, showers, and washing machines was added between the warehouse and the council ring. This campsite has many small sleeping cabins that are called "birdhouses". Santee Lodge 116 also paid for the first component of the newly developed C.O.P.E. course at camp by funding the zip line tower. At the time the council was in a rush to get the course underway to meet a deadline for new and stricter regulations. The lodge executive committee agreed to pay several thousand dollars to have the main poles used in the tower treated. Later the zipline and other components of the C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Physical Experience) course were added.

Camp Coker had a reputation for having excellent food. Mrs. Flora Bull (1922–2007) of Darlington, SC, was first hired by Camp Director Walter S. "Anky" Carter (1925–1994) in 1954. She cooked for the schools in Darlington and at Camp Coker from 1954–1980 and 1982–1988. Flora's fried chicken was one of the favorite meals. She made dinner rolls from scratch that campers and staff members called "moon rocks". The "moon rocks" were served with a plate of butter. Ice water and iced tea were the usual drinks for meals along with Kool Aid that was called "bug juice." Orange juice, milk, and coffee for adults were served for breakfast.

Food at Camp Coker was served family style and boys took turns being the waiter and assistant waiter. Food was served in bowls and eaten on real plates with metal forks, knives, and spoons. Dishes were washed after each meal and disposable utensils were not used. Boys who served as waiters and assistant waiters were responsible for setting the tables and cleaning up afterwards. This taught them the value of teamwork and responsibility. The end porch on the dining hall has a bell that was used to signal the waiters to come to the dining hall to set the tables. Flora did not waste anything and her skills were one of the reasons why excellent food was served within a reasonable budget. This included making good soup out of leftovers. She made sweet rolls from scratch that were usually served on Saturday mornings before camp ended. She made delicious cookies from U.S. Department of Agriculture peanut butter. Her chili and rice, grilled cheese sandwiches, and macaroni and cheese were made from scratch. Leftover butter was melted and put into refrigerated molds to be used again. Her scrambled eggs were made from real eggs that were cracked out of the shell. Staff members would sit with troops when seats were available and this facilitated interaction between the staff and the campers. Scout songs were usually sung after meals led by a member of the staff. The interior light fixtures in the dining hall resemble wagon wheels. Flags from previous Pee Dee Area Council National Jamboree troops were hung from the rafters in the dining hall. Two "awards" that were sometimes presented in the dining hall were the loving cup and the pigs trough for the cleanest and messiest tables.

## **Santee Lodge's Founding**

Among the requests received for Order of the Arrow Charters by the National Boy Scouts of America in 1938 one was postmarked Florence, South Carolina. Apparently, Mr. Rucker Newberry had inspired local scouts to become part of the rapidly growing organization of honor campers. The lodge chartered to the Pee Dee Council was the 116th Order of the Arrow Lodge. After a selection period, the name "Santee" was settled upon and duly registered with BSA. The lodge grew slowly, suffering numerous difficulties, which eventually led to a return visit by Mr. Newberry to reorganize the group. After his return, the lodge began to expand and become more involved in the Order and service to the Pee Dee Area Council. Two totems were adopted prior to the middle of the 1950's. The Carolina Parakeet became the official lodge totem when the first patch was issued in 1955; just before Santee Lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship for the first time. The actual bird used on the patch was adapted from the Audubon painting of Carolina Parakeets. At this time, the patch sold for fifty cents. At approximately the same time, the first newsletter was published. Its name, The Santee Arrowman, has survived the years and still remains as the title of the current newsletter.

On February 28, 1958, the lodge held its first Winter Banquet. Banquets have been held at a variety of locations including Marion, several meeting rooms in Florence, Darlington, Hartsville, Cheraw, Conway and Sumter. Featured speakers have included the world's strongest man – Paul Anderson, National Order of the Arrow Chiefs Brad Starr and Jeff Herman, American Indian specialists, and many military, political and community leaders, including Lt. Governor Nick Theodore in 1992. A special feature of the banquet is the presentation of the Santee Lodge Red Arrow Awards for outstanding contributions by non-Arrowmen and Founders Awards to one or two brothers who have given outstanding service and example to the lodge.

The lodge's primary functions are its fellowships, held in the fall, spring, and the end of summer camp. These events have varied in dates and occasionally in location. The Spring Fellowship in March of 1963 was held at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. Over the years, the main purposes of these weekends were the induction of new Ordeal members, conducting the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor Ceremonies, and service projects. Like most lodges, Santee Lodge is closely tied to its summer camp, and it spends a great deal of time helping to make improvements to Camp Coker. These projects have included preparatory and repair work to campsites, the re-roofing and repair of many buildings, the construction, maintenance and improvements to the Council Ring and COPE Course, construction of the Dining Hall buttress, restrooms, basketball court and archery and rifle ranges, and numerous bridges, check dams and trails.

Santee was the first lodge to conduct an OA member's only week of summer camp. The tradition began about 1958 when Arrowmen were encouraged to attend the last week of camp to present a special parent's night program. In the 1960's, original scripts were written as the parent's night program evolved into a full-scale production. Since 1969, only OA members have attended the last week of summer camp with the lodge offering a special program of merit badge sessions and activities. It is at this time that most Ordeal candidates are inducted into the Order. The annual Pageant is presented on Friday night, which also kicks off the Summer Fellowship during which more members are inducted, and officers of the lodge are chosen for the coming year.

Over the past sixty years, Santee Lodge 116 has become an active, viable part of the Pee Dee Area Council. Many former youth members of the lodge are still involved in Scouting as Volunteer Leaders. Several members have become professional Scouters and one cannot enter a city, town or community without finding someone that has been touched by the Lodge. Many members have gone on to become Section Officers and serve with distinction. Members account for about 85% of all Eagle Scouts from the Pee Dee Area Council. Many of the adult members have been awarded the Wood Badge, District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver.

Endowed with this tradition, Santee Lodge is not afraid of initiating new ideas. With its rich memories of the past and vision of the future, Santee Lodge 116 stands ready to play a continuing important role in Scouting in the Pee Dee Area Council.

### **Santee Lodge's Infrastructure**

Here is a list of the Lodge Chiefs of Santee Lodge 116.

1938	Ed Sallenger
1946	Robert Brunson
1947	Frank Moore
1948-49	Wesley Kennedy
1950	Lorin Mason
1951	Tommy Gasque
1952.	Don MacKintosh
1953-54	Tommy Gasque
1955	Frank Hodge
1956	Warren Adkins
1957	Cal Cunningham
1958	Bobby Taylor
1959-60	Dan Campbell
1961	Gene Wadell
1962	Bill Foster
1963	Joe Pate
1964	Sprott King
1965	Joe Pate
1966	Gaines Foster
1967	Bryan Olmert
1968	Charles Appleby
1969	Julian Fowler
1970	Rogers Kirven
1971	Larry Weeks
1972	Rob Colones
1973	Bobby Pritchard
1974	Rob Colones
1975	Andy Bigelow
1976	Chuck Black
1977	Jody Clark



1978-79	Randy Deaton
1980	Mac McLean
1981	Duncan Hart
1982-83	Walter Barefoot
1984-85	Wesley Peel
1986-87	Robert Fletcher
1987	Carl Hughes
1988	Jason Collins
1989	Chris McDuffie
1990	Jason Spangler
1991-92	Collin Crick
1993	Alex O'Neal
1994-95	Kevin Wilson
1996	Harrison Penn
1997	Mills Connely
1998-99	Brian Davison
1999-01	Chase Iseman
2001	Lee Early
2002-03	Kyle Hughes
2004	Duncan Norton
2005	Justin Carter
2006-07	Josh Hinson
2007-08	Cameron Rainey
2008-09	Steven Lastauskas
2009-10	Thomas Yeager
2010-11	Travis Todd
2011-13	Chris King
2013-14	Jake Ammons
2014-15	Harrison Flowers
2015-16	Adam Gainey

Here is a list of the Lodge Advisors of Santee Lodge 116.

1949-52	Bernie Moore
1953-55	Carlton Sligh
1956-58	Donald MacKintosh
1959-61	Randolph Charles
1962-67	Saunders Bridges
1968	Charles Appleby
1969-70	Billy Wilkes
1971	Bill Sprague
1972-77	Bernie Moore
1978-79	Dicky Felder
1980-84	Greg Vaught

1985-90	Jay Hodge
1991-96	Porter Stewart
1997-98	Scott Alexander
1998	Gill Frierson
1999	Randy Deaton
2000	David Lee
2001-02	Victor Barefoot
2003-06	David Surret
2006-11	Howie Cullum
2011-2015	Robin Fowler
2015-Present	Rondal Johnson

### Lodge Communication/Publications

Our website: [santee116.org](http://santee116.org)  
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 Instagram: [santeelodge116](https://www.instagram.com/santeelodge116)  
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 Chief email: [santee116chief@gmail.com](mailto:santee116chief@gmail.com)

### Lodge Executive Committee

1. The Committee shall be composed of those persons listed in VI. A. of the Lodge Rules.
2. The Lodge Chief shall serve as Chairman of the Committee.
3. Committee meetings shall normally be opened to the general membership of the Lodge. They may, however, hold Executive Sessions.
4. The Committee shall see that the Lodge plans a yearly calendar.
5. The Committee shall publish in The Santee Arrowman an early calendar, which includes Lodge meetings and events and Executive Committee meetings. This calendar, which is subject to change by the Committee with the approval of the Council, shall be drawn up as requested by the Council for inclusion in the Council Calendar and approval by the Council Executive Board.
6. The Committee shall approve the appointment of Brothers to serve on the Standing Committees.
7. The Committee shall establish an Induction Fee for which each new Brother shall receive materials as provided elsewhere in the Bylaws.
8. The Committee shall elect Adult Scouters to membership in the Santee Lodge as provided for in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.
9. The Committee shall bestow the Founder's Award annually in accordance with National Order of the Arrow guidelines.
10. The Committee shall bestow the Red Arrow Award as it sees fit, keeping in mind the high standard of the Award.
11. The Committee shall carefully check the membership and financial records of the Lodge at the close of each calendar year, prior to Lodge recharter.
12. The Committee shall be authorized to approve any routine operating expenses.
13. The Committee is further empowered to transact any and all business of the Lodge between Lodge Business Meetings. However, any action of the Committee is subject to review at the next regularly scheduled Lodge Business Meeting. (Standing Committees)

The following youth uphold positions on the Lodge Executive Committee.

Lodge Chief  
Administrative Vice-Chief  
Ceremonial Vice-Chief  
Lodge Secreatry  
Lodge Assistant Secretary  
Lodge Treasurer  
Lodge Assistant Treasurer  
Lodge Editor  
Immediate Past Lodge Chief  
Atakwa Chapter Chief  
Atakwa Chapter Vice-Chief  
Atakwa Chapter Secretary  
Black Creek Chapter Chief  
Black Creek Chapter Vice-Chief  
Black Creek Chapter Secretary  
Chicora Chapter Chief  
Chicora Chapter Vice-Chief  
Chicora Chapter Secretary  
Iswa Chapter Chief  
Iswa Chapter Vice-Chief  
Iswa Chapter Secretary

## Lodge Activities and Service

Santee Lodge typically has 5 fellowships within each Lodge Year (Summer Fellowship to Summer Fellowship). These fellowships are OA Week, Summer Fellowship, Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet, and Spring Fellowship. However, we have brought in some new events such as OA Workday, Scout Memorabilia Show, and even a OA Winter Camp.

We also participate in Dixie Fellowship, hosted by a different lodge each year. Santee has hosted Dixie in 2014, 2003, 1991, 1983, 1974, 1965, and 1956. Usually Dixie is held on the last weekend of April, with everyone praying that the weather is fair.

The Lodge Insignia is very special to those within Santee as we like to uphold our tradition of great designs, but limited runs of each. This makes our memorabilia very collectable and highly sought after. Within our Rules and Bylaws, it states the qualifications for the Standard Flap given to each new Ordeal member and available for purchase by any due-paying Brother. Here are the statements.

### XIII. Lodge Insignia

- A. The Lodge flap shall have an outer red outer border and an inner black border with a white background.
- B. All Active Brothers of Santee Lodge will be entitled to purchase Lodge flaps.
- C. The design of the Lodge flap may be changed only in accordance with the provisions for amending the Lodge Rules.
- D. All active Brothers shall be entitled to purchase Lodge mugs, T-shirts, neckerchiefs, back patches, slides, hatpins, or other paraphernalia at all Lodge functions attended.
- E. Special patches, neckerchiefs, or other insignia may be made available at the discretion of the Lodge Executive Committee.
- F. No items of the Lodge are to be sold, given, or made available to any person except under the above specified conditions or by a vote of the Lodge Executive Committee.

OA Week is probably the biggest tradition of Santee Lodge, as it is a week-long program solely dedicated to Order of the Arrow members only. They are able to earn additional Merit Badges, participate in various Chapter vs. Chapter activities, and put on a Native American pageant.

With the Merit Badges, we typically try to offer different and more interesting ones than they could earn at the regular Summer Camp program.

For our activities, a fan-favorite is Greased Watermelon. Basically, you have 3 members from each Chapter lather up in lard. At the same time, you cover a watermelon in lard. This makes it extremely difficult to grab onto. The object of the game is to get the watermelon from the nonswimmers area in the lake under the fence, and the first Chapter to do so wins.

Our Native American pageant is always a pleasure to watch and participate in. Brothers have up to 3 ½ days to put together an entire pageant for all of their parents to watch. Here is a list of all of the Pageant Directors and their respective pageants.

2015	The Loneliest Rider	James-Daniel Chaplin
2014	Legends of the Lenni Lenape	Larry Green
2013	The Test of Kashita	Christopher King
2012	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Ashley Fogleman
2011	Ode to the Indian Land	Tray Graham
2010	Ode on a Burial Mound	Kyle Hughes
2009	The Mission of Osceola	Collin Crick
2008	Battle of Town Creek	Ashley Fogelman
2007	The Loneliest Rider	Josh Hinson
2006	The Quest of Checotah	Kyle Hughes

2005	Wakonda's Vengeance	Brett Mahaffey
2004	A Tale of '76	Brian Davidson & Kyle Hughes
2003	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Greg Vaught
2002	Ode to the Indian Land	Greg Williams
2001	The Test of Tussekiah	Ashely Fogelman
2000	Ode to the Indian Land	Brett Mahaffey
1999	Battle of Town Creek	Scott Alexander
1998	The Loneliest Rider	Collin Crick
1997	The Mission of Osceola	Greg Vaught & Marshall Smith
1996	The Quest of Checotah	John Floyd
1995	Wakonda's Vengeance	Paul Gowder
1994	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Jason Spangler
1993	A Tale of '76	Jason Collins
1992	Ode to the Indian Land	Robert Fletcher
1991	Battle of Town Creek	Scott Alexander
1990	The Loneliest Rider	Austin China
1989	The Last Warrior	James Canupp
1988	The Quest of Checotah	Greg Vaught & Doug Henry
1987	Wakonda's Vengeance	Wesley Peel
1986	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Woody Collins & Austin China
1985	Ode to the Indian Land	Greg Vaughn & Walt Barefoot
1984	The Test of Kasihta	Scott Alexander
1983	Battle of Town Creek	Scott Alexander
1982	The Loneliest Rider	Eddie Miller
1981	Wakonda's Vengeance	Rick Felder
1980	A Tale of '76	Jody Clark
1979	The Test of Kasihta	Jody Clark
1978	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Greg Vaught
1977	Wakonda's Vengeance	Greg Vaught
1976	A Tale of '76	Greg Vaught
1975	The Test of Kasihta	Greg Vaught
1974	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Greg Vaught
1973	Wakonda's Vengeance	Woody Collins
1972	The Test of Kasihta	Woody Collins
1971	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Phil Ross
1970	A Tale of '76	Gaines Foster
1969	Wakonda's Vengeance	Gaines Foster
1968	The Test of Kasihta	Gaines Foster
1967	The Battle of Santee	Tommy Gasque
1966	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Davd Senseney
1965	The Death of Wawatum	Tommy Gasque
1964	The Battle of Issa Tavora	Tommy Gasque
1963	Legend of the Brave Cheraws	Tommy Gasque
1962	The Massacre of Sand Creek	Henry Henning
1961	The Massacre of Sand Creek	Henry Henning
1960	Legend of Lenni Lenape	Ronald Knopf
1959	Legend of Lenni Lenape	Ted Waller
1958	Legend of Lenni Lenape	Ted Waller

Santee Lodge has provided many service hours to Camp Coker over the years, including new benches in the Council Ring, new steps leading up to the Dining Hall, and a new roof over the Council Office Headquarters (all within the past 6 months).

## **Lodge Achievements and Awards**

“Alertness to the needs of others is a mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office...”

The Vigil Honor is one reserved for those select Arrowmen who stand out in their practical execution of the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow, namely, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. These select few Arrowmen are those who E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson envisaged most when they stood upon Treasure Island Scout camp in 1915, the cradle of the Order of the Arrow. Vigil Honorees are those who embody most what all Arrowmen have pledged themselves to become.

The Vigil is the highest of honors that a lodge can award an Arrowman, and so nomination and selection of honorees must be done with the utmost care and thoughtfulness. Failure to do so would result in the degradation of a great honor, a tarnish on what the Order prides itself.

Any Arrowman must meet the following requirements for nomination of Vigil -

1. Arrowman must have obtained Brotherhood membership for a minimum of 2 years
2. Be in good standing as a chartered member of Scouting and registered with the lodge Arrowman
3. Must be nominated by at least one member of the lodge.

Anyone interested in nominating an Arrowman for the Vigil Honor may obtain a nomination form from the Lodge Adviser. The Vigil Nominating Committee, who selects an allotted number—based on Lodge membership—of Vigil Honors, then reviews all Nominations.

Here is a list of those who have earned the Vigil Honor from Santee Lodge.

2014	Andrew VandenOever
2014	Elizabeth (Sam) Beck
2014	Jake Ammons
2014	James Daniel "JD" Chaplin
2014	John McFaddin
2014	Jon Beck, Sr.
2014	Ron Johnson
2013	Alan Clemmons
2013	Brandon Yeager
2013	Ian McIlrath
2013	Jonathen Beck, Jr.
2013	Kyle Lewis
2013	Larry Green
2013	Tim Hellaby, Sr.
2012	Chris King
2012	Chuck Nesbitt
2012	Julia Jones
2012	Skylar Adams
2012	Tim Hellaby II
2011	Brian Tsai

2011 Diane Bauer  
2011 Rick Curran  
2011 Thomas Yeager  
2010 CJ McIlrath  
2010 Forrest Sarvis  
2010 Matt Rood  
2010 Wade Dickens  
2009 Chris Eaton  
2009 Dave Yeager  
2009 Nick Braden  
2009 Patrick Nesbitt  
2009 Travis Todd  
2008 Bob Miller  
2008 Steven Lastauskas  
2007 Sam McLellan  
2007 Steve Deese  
2006 Andy Marshall  
2006 Billy Bob Bell  
2006 Charles Muse  
2006 Doug Carter  
2006 Josh Hinson  
2005 Bill Hatoway  
2005 Cameron Rainey  
2005 Jay Carlson  
2004 Douglas Page  
2004 Harrell Docherty  
2004 Justin Carter  
2004 Lacy Strom  
2004 Mark Gillis  
2004 Myles Surrect  
2004 Nicholas Newton  
2004 Ophelia Deese  
2003 Eddie Enlow  
2003 Kyle Hughes  
2003 Paul Evans  
2003 Steve Eaton  
2002 Andrew Galloway  
2002 Jerry Turner  
2002 Randy Dargan  
2002 Will Bird  
2002 Wimberly Mixon  
2001 Charles Mathis  
2001 Daniel Lyerly  
2001 Lee Early  
2001 Rickie Rogers  
2000 Chase Iseman  
2000 Duncan Norton  
2000 Howie Cullum  
2000 Johnnie Iseman  
1999 Ashley Fogleman  
1999 Ben Compton

1999 Bill Bell  
1999 Brett Mahaffey  
1999 Brian Davison  
1999 Joe Grover  
1999 Robin Fowler  
1999 Steve Grover  
1999 Victor Barefoot  
1998 Darrin Thomas  
1998 David Lee  
1998 Kelly Hampton  
1998 Lee Galloway  
1998 Mills Connelly  
1998 Tony Macias  
1997 Ancil Benton  
1997 Court Lyerly  
1997 Forest Murphy  
1997 Harrison Penn  
1997 Marshall Smith  
1996 Andrew Myers  
1996 David Hicks  
1996 Gary Nye  
1996 John Moore  
1996 Kevin Wilson  
1996 Mac McAlister  
1995 Bill Floyd  
1995 Brian Pate  
1995 Chip Payne  
1995 Dave Olds  
1995 John Floyd  
1995 Morgan Drakeford  
1994 Charles Galloway  
1994 John Witmer  
1994 Selven Jones  
1993 Alex O'Neal  
1993 Billy Funderburk  
1993 Doug Williams  
1993 Drew Dowling  
1993 McCall Hemingway  
1993 Paul Gowder  
1992 Bryan Dick  
1992 Neal Sarvis  
1992 Eddie Drayton  
1992 Gerald Boulware  
1992 John Nesbitt  
1992 Leland Moore  
1991 Collin Crick  
1991 Davis Mitchum  
1991 Harold Dick  
1991 Jason Spangler  
1991 Rom Funderburk  
1991 Steve Morrison



1991 Will Merritt  
1990 Earl Dutton  
1990 Russell Carson  
1989 Bruce Major  
1989 Gill Frierson  
1989 Jason Collins  
1988 Darryl Price  
1988 Ray Davenport  
1987 Ben Iseman  
1987 Carl Hughes  
1987 Jay Hodge  
1987 Woody Collins  
1986 Doug Henry  
1986 George Spangler  
1986 Mike Failmezger  
1986 Robert Fletcher  
1985 Don Bishop  
1985 John Murrie  
1985 Kendall Hiller  
1985 Kyle Morrison  
1985 Sam McCown  
1985 Wesley Peel  
1984 Phil Whittle  
1984 Robert Huggins  
1984 Ward Richardson  
1983 Fred Richey  
1983 Greg Vaughn  
1983 Ricky Huggins  
1983 Roger Brock  
1983 Warren Black  
1982 Bobby Lee  
1982 Dunucan Hart  
1982 John Rhodes  
1982 Sam Richey  
1982 Walt Barefoot  
1981 Albert Pierce  
1981 John Outlaw  
1981 Ralph Moore  
1981 Ray Drew  
1980 Bobby Barnes  
1980 Eddie Miller  
1980 Kimmy Failmezger  
1980 Mac McLean  
1980 Randy Deaton  
1979 Greg Dodson  
1979 Jimmy Duffy  
1979 Rick Felder  
1978 Butch Carroll  
1978 Jody Clark  
1977 Chuck Black  
1977 Dickey Felder

1977 Keith Pennington  
1976 Andy Vaught  
1976 Bo Griggs  
1976 Jamie Gerald  
1976 Linwood Wiggins  
1976 Olin Johnson  
1975 Andy Bigelow  
1975 Bill Wright  
1975 Richard Pascal  
1975 Tim Fisher  
1975 Walter C. Gerald  
1974 Bobby Prichard  
1974 Gilliam Skinner  
1974 John Sabol  
1974 Maj. Walter Gerald  
1973 Danny Dilworth  
1973 Herman Chafin  
1973 Robbie Colones  
1973 Robbie Johnson  
1972 Charles Appleby, Jr.  
1972 David Evans  
1972 Larry Weeks  
1972 Phil Ross  
1971 Doug Sprague  
1971 Johnny Hamer  
1971 Lucas Shoemake  
1971 Richard Allen  
1971 Ted Speth  
1970 Bill Sprague  
1970 Charles Appleby III  
1970 Jimbo Jacobs  
1970 Ned Parker  
1969 Eddie Hamilton  
1969 Julian Fowler  
1969 Larry Taylor  
1969 Ruell Hicks  
1968 Bill Tyson  
1968 Bryan Olmert  
1968 Charles Latimer  
1968 Dr. Randolph Charles  
1968 Mike Webb  
1967 Don Jacob  
1967 Gaines Foster  
1967 Gregg Smith  
1967 Mickey Bell  
1967 Saunders Bridges, Jr.  
1966 Bernie Moore  
1966 Dennis Williams  
1966 Saunders Bridges  
1965 George Summerell  
1965 Mac King

1965 Ted Melton  
 1964 David Senseney  
 1964 Dick Huggins  
 1964 Mike Jacobs  
 1964 Sprott King  
 1963 Frank Reeves  
 1962 Bill Foster  
 1960 Bill Rodgers  
 1960 Dan Campbell  
 1959 Penny Jones  
 1958 Bill Foster  
 1958 Gene Waddell  
 1957 Anky Carter  
 1957 Calhoun Cunningham  
 1957 Warren Adkins  
 1956 Tommy Gasque  
 1954 Ed Fowler  
 1951 Carroll Tinsley

The Vigil Honor candidates are called out at the Vigil Call Out Ceremony on the Saturday evening of Summer Fellowship, after the Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies. Those that are eligible receive a triangle that symbolizes their candidacy for the Vigil Honor. At Fall Fellowship, they will do their Vigil.

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and a brass plate suitable for engraving. Available for uniform wear is a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Lodges may petition the national Order of the Arrow committee to present between two and four awards annually, depending on the number of members in the lodge. If the lodge presents more than one award, at least one must be awarded to a youth under the age of 21. Here is a list of all of the Founders' Award Recipients from Santee Lodge.

Bill Sprague	adult 8/91	Lacy Strom	youth 1/04
Bernie Moore	adult 1/93	Ophie Deese	adult 1/04
Jason Spangler	youth 1/93	Kyle Hughes	youth 1/05
Austin China	adult 1/94	Steve Deese	adult 1/05
Collin Crick	youth 1/94	Justin Carter	youth 1/06
Selven Jones	youth 1/95	Ashley Fogleman	adult 1/06
Greg Vaught	adult 1/95	Josh Hinson	youth 1/07
Alex O'Neal	youth 1/96	Randy Deaton	adult 1/07
Scott Alexander	adult 1/96	Jay Carlson	youth 1/08
Marshall Smith	youth 1/97	Carl Hughes	adult 1/08
Gill Frierson	adult 1/97	Steven Lastauskas	youth 1/09
Kevin Wilson	youth 1/98	Bill Bell	adult 1/09

Dickey Felder	adult 1/98	Scott Cullum	youth 1/10
Porter Stewart	adult 1/99	Howie Cullum	adult 1/10
Jimmy Duffy	adult 1/01	Thomas Yeager	youth 1/11
Chris Lee	youth 1/02	Doug Carter	adult 1/11
Mac McAllister	adult 1/02	Chris King	youth 1/12
Brett Mahaffey	youth 1/03	James McIlrath	adult 1/12
Victor Barefoot	adult 1/03	Tim Hellaby II	youth 1/13
		Julia Jones	adult 1/13
		Jake Ammons	youth 1/14
		Steve Eaton	adult 1/14
		Harrison Flowers	youth 1/15
		Bob Miller	adult 1/15

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 1000 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead bearing an arrow pointing up and to the wearer's right. The award is suspended from a white neck-ribbon on which red arrows are embroidered. A white square knot embroidered on red cloth is available for uniform wear and a silver arrowhead lapel pin is available for civilian wear.

Jody Clark became the first Santee Lodge member to become a national figure as he was elected Southeast Region Chief. Both he and Mac McLean have been honored with the Distinguished Service Award, the National Order of the Arrow's highest honor. Lodge Adviser David Surret also holds the DSA from prior service as Section SR-5 Chief, NOAC and NLS Staff member and Region OA Committee member.

At the National Convention in 1995, Santee Lodge was honored as recipient of the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, one of only eight presented nationally. In 2015, Santee was again awarded the honor of the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award. In 2014 Santee was awarded the Innovation Award for Mr. Larry Green's efforts with Pioneering at the 2014 Dixie Fellowship.

For the past several years, Santee Lodge has been honored as a National Honor Lodge. In 2005, Santee Lodge was one of only two lodges in the Southern Region chosen to receive the National Service Award, an award given on the basis of significant service to the home council.